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Centre for Native Education

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Why bears have short tails

Once, long ago, it was said that bears had long tails. One day, one such bear was walking along the river. It was winter, the river was covered with ice and the bear was wondering how to catch the fish underneath. As he walked along, he saw a fox sitting on the ice and beside him, there were many fish. The bear called to the fox: "Hey, little brother! What are you doing?" The fox replied: "I am fishing, big brother. But as for me, I have caught all the fish I need. If you come onto the ice, I will show you how I have caught these fish of mine." As he neared the fox, the bear noticed he was sitting over a hole. The fox said "Now big brother! As you sit on the ice, dip your tail in the water. When the fish bite it, pull it out fast and the fish will fall on the ice. Good luck!" The fox left. The bear sat on the ice and dipped his tail in the water. The water was very cold. Suddenly, the bear started feeling little nips on his tail. "This is only a small fish," the bear thought. "His bite is not very hard, I shall wait for a bigger fish." The bear waited. He felt more little tugs on his tail. "These are but very little fish. I shall wait for a bigger fish." Still he sat waiting. The bear was starting to get restless. As he shifted his position, he felt a big tug on his tail.



"Surely, I have got a big fish this time," this bear cried. And as he said so, he pulled his tail out as fast as he could. But there were no fish attached to it. In fact, the bear had no more tail! He had waited so long for a bigger fish that the hole in the ice had frozen up....

Thank goodness, it's Friday!

The Centre for Native Education is now open on Fridays! Opening hours are now Monday to Friday, 9:00 to 5:00.

Graduating?

Did you know that in order to attend convocation all account balances (including the graduation fee and any interest) must be paid in full? To ensure this, call CARL for an update on your account and check with your band council. Don't miss your own graduation!

Congratulations Ella!

Ella Saganash, a Cree student from Waswanipi is the grand prize winner of the 3rd Annual Nation Cree School Board Essay Contest. You can read her essay.

Overcoming the Adoush, in the January 3 issue of The Nation. Good work, Ella!

Upcoming events

Friday, January 31, 12:00

LB 677

Guest Speaker: Robert Paine

Aboriginality Tomorrow?

Wednesday, February 5, 12:00

LB 677

Guest Speaker: Anne Douglas

"Maybe That's Why They Don't Look At Each Other": School And Social Relations Of Communication In A Baffin Community

Who influenced whom?

The way some history books have it, you would think that Native people were just clamouring to dress up like Europeans. And yet, in the 17th and 18th centuries, it was the other way around! Come and learn all about it on March 11, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. as André Gousse, Parks Canada Curator, gives a lecture on the Native influences on European dress in the 18th century. Models in period dress will be on hand to illustrate Mr. Gousse's talk!

Faculty Lounge

Hall Building, 7th floor

Welcome to our history

On March 12, 1997, the Centre for Native Education will present a living exhibit on the mezzanine of the Hall building. This exhibit is a perfect opportunity for Native people to tell their side of Canadian history and to bring awareness of Native issues to the Concordia community. The exhibit will focus on the major points of Native history and will feature artefacts,

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music, dance, historical costumes and demonstrations of various arts and crafts.

If you wish to volunteer or participate in any way, don't hesitate to call us!

Be my Valentine...

The Urban Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Project in conjunction with the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal will be hosting a Valentine's Day dance on February 7, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. Live music! Free non-alcoholic beverages!

Jobs...

Have you visited the Centre for native Education recently? If you have, you've probably noticed our little employment corner where you can pick up a few brochures on a variety of subjects such as writing a resume, being positive and preparing for an interview. We also have federal government application forms for summer and permanent employment...

Like beads on a string...

The Centre for Native Education is offering beadwork workshops starting February 7. Every Friday, 10 to 12. Everyone is welcome!

Thought for the day

Why is it that when a woman wears men's clothes she is called sexy, assertive and liberated but when a man wears a woman's clothes he is called a transvestite? (Just idle curiosity of course...)

